Boston, (Mass.) November 11. 1853.

My dear Mr. Webb,

Long before you receive this, you will probably have noticed what I said in the Liberator of the Anti-Slavery Advocate. It fell to my lot to do that service, in the absence of Mr. Garrison, who had gone to Pennsylvania, to the Annual Meeting of their State Anti-Slavery Society. You may be sure we were right glad to ~~get~~ see the little sheet, so compact & neat, & so judiciously made up. We are now looking for the 2d number, which a few days will undoubtedly bring us. — I wish you might have a circulation commensurate with the importance of the topics it treats of, & with the merit of the treatment. I know not how this will be; I have my fears for you, but I have no fear or doubt but that good will come out of it. I know there must be a good deal of labour in forming even a moderate-sized subscription list. But with Scotland to back you, and scattered friends in England & Wales to co-operate, I have my hopes also. You commence, in No. 1, a series of papers on the Religious Denominations in the United States; of this I am of course glad. I wish you would publish, to illustrate & confirm what you said of the Prot. Episcopal Church in America, a letter addressed ~~something ago~~ about 18 months ago, by Rev. Evan M. Johnson to Mr. Verplanck of New York. Mr. V. is a leading Episcopalian of N. Y. Rev. Mr. J. is Rector of an Episc. Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The letter is a full admission of everything (I believe I may say) that intelligent Abolitionists have ever charged against that Church. He referred particularly to what George Thompson had said at Syracuse, and, instead of railing at him, asks himself & his ~~correspondent~~ friend Mr. V. whether what Mr. T. said was not true! And, with much grief, he acknowledges he is obliged to admit its essential truth. He goes on to say that not only

in their Church under a most lamentable apathy and coldness as to Slavery, but that it has steadily and deliberately striven to discourage & defeat every effort made by the colored members of their own body to improve & elevate themselves, rigidly excluding them from all association & intercourse with the White (?) churches. The letter is written calmly, in a good spirit, & with ability. If you have never seen it, & know not where to put your hand upon it, I will endeavour to send it to you. — I wish we could have, for our Annual Bazaar, now drawing nigh, some copies of that work, the "Poetical Instructor", which is noticed in the Advocate. I suppose it will be too late to send, after your receiving this, — unless you should know some friend coming by one of the first Steamers.

Charles K. Whipple was expressing, a few days since, the wish that you would cause to be published (or re-published) in Gt. Britain, without delay, "Slavery As It is; the Testimony of a Thousand Witnesses". In the present state of mind, amongst your people, after the reading of the enormous number of 400,000 copies of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", they will, he thinks, be well qualified to read that book understandingly & profitably. I told him I intended soon to write you, & would mention it. He was very urgent that I should, & confident that the publication would be excellently well timed. The title of the book, as you probably remember, fairly represents its character.

We want to do something, if it be not much, to aid the Advocate's circulation, and we wish to be its "constant readers." On the next page I give you a few names, and hope to obtain others. Where you have not already sent copies of the 1st & 2d

numbers, to meet this list, please forward those which are wanting.

Edmund Quincy,	Two Copies.
Samuel May Jr.,	Two do. (I had 2 of no. 1.)
Charles K. Whipple,	One do.
Anne W. Weston,	One do.
Francis Jackson,	One do.
Wendell Phillips,	Four do.

In all 11 copies above. You had better send me at least fifteen copies until my list is made up.

You will also please send a copy to "Liberator", and the Lib^r. shall be sent to you by way of exchange. I will collect the subscription when I have made up the list, and you can include the amount of it in your Bazaar Acct, deducting its amount from any Bazaar funds you may have, (or from any other funds you wish to transmit her.), and I will pay the subscription money for the above to Mr. Wallcut. Was I not right in stating the subscription price at Half a Dollar for money? That is equal to your Two Shillings. If you are obliged to prepay postage, that will add to the expense, and of course to the amount I shall have to collect. Please let me know on this point - whether you will have to prepay postage? & how much on each paper. With sincere regard Yours

Samuel May Jr.

P.S. Please give my unabated regards to James Haughton, to Richard Allen, and your excellent brothers. How highly should I regard the privilege of seeing you all again in the flesh. —

You will see that we have lost the great Daniel Webster. The Baltimore Whig Convention conspired with his own evil passions and habits to bring him to a premature grave — for so I regard it, altho' he was 70 years of age. He had naturally an iron constitution, destined for unusual longevity. But he is gone — a disappointed, mortified old man. The oppressor's & slaveholders land, which he ~~h~~ stooped so low to kiss & fawn upon, spurned him, and smote him. He was not prepared for that blow, and it took a mortal effect. Well — we have one prop of the Slave Power the less; and the Fugitives, and the Colored People generally, breathe more freely since he has gone. He was his own greatest enemy; and great as was the evil & the wrong which he worked against the poor and the outcasts of our country, he did his own soul, his own intellect, a far greater wrong.

Last evg. I went to hear your countryman (for he proclaimed himself an Irishman) Gen. P. R. James give an Oration on the Life & Character of the late Duke of Wellington. After some vapid & fulsome glorification of Daniel Webster, he launched forth into a strain of adulation of the Duke, which for bombast, vanity, & extravagance I think has seldom been equalled,

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